

OLD GLORY AND VIRGINIA COLORS

Scenes in Connection With
Graduation at The
High School

MR. BRENT'S ADDRESS

Audience Singers Star-Spangled Ban-
ner at Close Amid the Greatest
Enthusiasm

Upon a stage resplendent with the patriotic colors of "Old Glory" draped in the background and the colors of the cadet corps, the flag of Virginia and another flag of the United States, erected on either side, the thirteen graduates of the Alexandria High School went through the ceremonies of the fourth Alexandria High School graduation last night in the auditorium of the new building. The thirteen members of the graduating class of 1916 to whom diplomas were presented at last night's commencement as a reward of their four years of endeavor were, Ashby Edward Bladen, president of the class, James J. Goodwin, Jr., vice president, F. L. Willard, Jr., secretary, treasurer, Miss Dorothy Martha Callahan, Miss Mildred Roberta Callahan, Miss Anna Maria Hook, Miss Elizabeth Hantzmann, Miss Ruth St. Clair, Miss Louise Bender, Albert Vickers Bryan, William Louis Schafer, Jr., Vernon Norwood Warfield, and James Morton Duncan, Jr. The formal speech of presentation of the diplomas was made by the Rev. John Lee Allison, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, and the names of the graduates were read out by Captain William H. Sweeney, superintendent of schools.

Stanley G. Blanton, vice principal of the school, presided over the exercises in the absence of Conrad Johnson, the principal and the invocation was spoken by the Rev. J. W. Duffey, pastor of the M. E. Church South. The award of a prize for the best essay on poets of the nineteenth century, offered by C. T. Ryan, professor of English in the high school, was made by C. A. Burrus, principal of the Washington School for Boys, on behalf of Mr. Ryan, to Miss Dolly Callahan.

The salutatorian was Albert V. Bryan, and the valedictorian, Ashby E. Bladen, Commonwealth's Attorney Samuel G. Brent, made the address to the graduates. Among other things, Mr. Brent said that Alexandria had always been proud of her institutions of learning but that practically all of the private institutions had given away to the greater power of the public schools, and that with the advent of the Alexandria High School upon the local educational threshold, the enrollment of the schools in this city had been increased from about 1,200 to 1,960. The speaker spoke of the progress that had been made by the High School in its five years of existence, from the time when it was founded, with only a three years' course, with an enrollment of 88 pupils and four teachers to the present time, when the school is established on a firm footing, with a four-year course, a faculty of nine, more than two hundred pupils on its rolls, and a magnificent new building, for which the graduating class and every pupil in the school, he said, owed a debt of gratitude to the community, which it could never repay.

Mr. Brent ended with words of friendly advice to the members of the graduating class, his final statement being, "Be honest, be just, be true, and you will be successful."

Singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" by the audience and the A. H. S. chorus brought the ceremonies to a close. Dr. Allison pronounced the benediction. The numbers on the program were interspersed with selections by the chorus, among them being the "Anvil Chorus," "Santa Lucia," and "Auld Lang Syne." Following the exercises an informal dance took place.

The motto of the graduating class, is "Be Square," the class flower, Kil-

larny rose, and the class colors, Maroon and Gold.

At ten o'clock this morning, certificates of promotion were presented at the school to pupils of the first, second, and third years, who had made the required marks in their classes during the past year. Members of the two cadet companies witnessed in uniform the presenting of a handsome gold medal to Adrian Katz, who was recently adjudged by competitive drill to be the best drill cadet in the battalion. Rev. Edgar Carpenter made the presentation. Friday the two medals of the Literary Society were presented the medal for oratory going to Willard K. Blewett, '18, and that for debate being awarded to Elwin Brawner, '17.

The names of those appointed to be officers in the cadet corps for the session 1916-17, were read this morning by S. G. Blanton, vice-principal. The appointments are provisional, that is, if any of those appointed are not in the proper grade next session, the place is filled by another cadet. The commissioned officers must be members of the fourth year, the sergeants of the third year, and the corporals of the second. Following are the appointments:

Captains, Thomas L. Wattles and Robert Hancock.

First Lieutenants, Merrill Lynch and Aubrey Barnett.

Second Lieutenants, Reginald Dyson and Francis Summers.

First Sergeants, Wesley Bitzer and Leo Pohl.

Sergeants, Frederick Schwab, Leon Eddington, Julian Chauncey, and Willard K. Blewett.

Color sergeants: U. S. flag, A. J. Pohl, Jr.; Va. flag, Herbert Allen. Lance corporals, James Kelley, Julian Upton, Leonard Dean, Everett Pohl, Purvis Downham, John Schwarzmann, Norman Simpson, William Cradlin, Forest Remschell, William Remington.

The swords were presented to the commissioned officers and the first sergeants by Ashby Bladen, retiring junior captain.

Those who made the highest marks in their respective classes during the past term were: Third Year, Thomas L. Wattles, 97; Miss Jennie Rosenberg, 96.5. Second year, Byron Herring, 96.8; Hugh Murphy, 96.2; William Morton, 95.4. First year, Grace Stone, 97.6. In the graduating class, who held their commencement last night, Albert V. Bryan was the winner of the scholarship to the University of Virginia.

Those promoted from the third to the fourth year this morning were as follows: Louise Abbott, Dolly Burke, Aubrey Barnett, Alice Bladen, Walter Barrett, Reginald Dyson, Maida Foster, Willie Fairfax, Ruth LeHew, Lorraine Rishell, Jennie Rosenberg, Eva Smith, Francis Summers, Earl Triger, Russell Travers, Thomas L. Wattles, Louise Adams, Sarah Cox, Marie Gasson, Marion Greenaway, Anna Haslett, William Meeks, Elena Norris, Ruth Deahl, Louise Schwarzmann, Carolina Yates, Robert Hancock and John Curtin.

Those promoted from the second to the third year: Lucy Reardon, Dorothy Plakett, Gertrude McDermott, Margaret Abramson, Wesley Bitzer, Lillian Schwarzmann, Adrian Katz, Leo Pohl, Anna Pierpont, A. J. Pohl, Jr., Herbert Allen, Vernon Dyson, Byron Herring, Charles Keegan, William Morton, Roy Bragg, Leon Brawner, Hugh Murphy, Julian Chauncey, Audrey Gaines, William Gilroy, Carl Dreifus, Margaret DeMasters, Stanley King, Nina Fulton, Caroline West, Elizabeth Howell, Isobel Boswell, Hilda Schneider, Frederick Schwab, Harold Quigley, Fay Ross, Francis Lash, Leon Eddington, Mary Kern, Dorothy Knight.

Those promoted from the first to the second year: William Blake, Purvis Downham, Ida Harvey, Evelyn Howard, Margaret Lynn, Janie Saunders, Grace Stone, Pauline Taylor, Elizabeth Thomas, Lyles Yates, Henry Poss, George Pettit, Paul Barrett, Page Buddin, George Smith, William Smith, James Kelley, Marshall Henderson, Peony Simms, Geraldine Park, Irene Manley, Edward Trumbull, Helen Barnhouse, Marion Blunt, Mildred Crockett, Virginia Kennedy, Rosalie Fuller, Eleanor Leadbeater, Rose Shapiro, Thomas Bell, Dorothy Martin, William Cradlin, Elizabeth Carter, Edgar Dare, Margaret Merchant, Joseph Ficklin, Henry D. Gasson, Jr., Reba O'Neil, Thomas Kelley, Gladys Rodgers, Hugh Marsh, Herbert O'Meara, Catherine Pullman, Hilda Pullman, John Schwarzmann,

MARTIAL SPIRIT AGAIN IN THE AIR

Call to Arms Arouses Great
Enthusiasm in Alex-
andria

RECRUITING GOES ON

Members of Light Infantry, Under
Arms, Take Up Quarters in Their
Armory on South Royal Street

The Alexandria Light Infantry armory on Royal street was the scene of busy activity all day yesterday and today. As soon as orders were received by Captain Conrad Johnson early yesterday morning for the mobilization of the company notices were sent to all of the men to gather at the armory where they were instructed relative to recruiting service an dsent out to try and secure the enlistment of other men. A branch recruiting station was located at the corner of Washington and King streets and Dr. Walter A. Warfield, was on hand at the armory for the purpose of examining the candidates for enlistment.

Recruiting was brisk throughout the day, and this morning Captain Johnson stated that by tonight he expected to have the company organized at full war strength so that he would leave here for Richmond with 150 men.

The men slept in the armory last night and are being furnished their meals there. They expect to leave for Richmond within the next 48 hours and are hoping that they will be among the ones that are detailed for immediate service on the Mexican frontier.

Brigadier-General C. C. Vaughan, Jr., commander of the First Brigade, Virginia Volunteers, was yesterday designated by Adjutant-General Sale to supervise the preparations for the mobilization camp to be established at the State Fair Grounds, in Richmond. General Vaughan will be in supreme authority at the camp, and will direct the mustering of the Virginia Volunteers into the United States for service on the Mexican frontier. He was ordered to report here on Thursday.

Entire reorganization of the Virginia Volunteers to comply with the provisions of the Hay-Chamberlain national defense act, recently passed by Congress, which, besides greatly increasing the militia forces in the United States, virtually places them on an equal footing with the regular army, answerable at any time to the call of the President to arms, will be necessary within a short time, if the men are to participate at Federal expense in the annual general encampment during August.

Adjutant-General Sale has already taken initial steps toward bringing his forces under the terms of the law having prepared and sent to the division of militia affairs for approval a new enlistment blank, which will be sent out as soon as possible to the various organizations, with instructions as to how they shall proceed.

Captain J. F. Bullit, of Big Stone Gap, one of the best known lawyers in the State, and a military man of experience, has made an exhaustive analysis of the law, and has given it as his opinion that, unless immediate qualification is made, the Virginia forces will not be able to get Federal pay for the annual summer encampment. Section 70 of the new act provides that all enlisted men shall sign a contract containing an obligation to defend the Constitution of the United States and obey the orders of the President. The contract under which serve the Virginia Volunteers does not place them under presidential authority.

Under the new law, Virginia will be

entitled to 800 troops for each Congressman and Senator, making a total of 9,600, exclusive of commissioned officers, the whole to be made up within the next five years. Provision is made for the addition each year of 50 per cent of the number already enlisted.

With an enlistment of 3,600 men, the Virginia Volunteers have more than is required for the initial force. In fact, plans are already under way which may result in the enlistment of several hundred men within the next few months.

Enlistment will be for a term of six years, three in the active organization and the remaining three years in the National Guard reserve. The reserve will be subject to call any time during the three years.

The following are striking excerpts from the law.

The discipline and training of the National Guard shall conform to the system prescribed for the regular army.

Each company is required to drill not less than forty-eight times each year for a period of not less than one and one half hours, and, also, to participate in encampments, etc., at least fifteen days during the year.

Officers and men while engaged in encampments shall receive the same pay as officers and men in the regular army.

Section 111 provides that when Congress shall have authorized the use of the armed forces of the United States, other than the regular army for any purpose, the President may draft the guard into the service of the United States. In such cases, officers of the guard are to be appointed by the President from officers of each organization of the guard.

GERMANS WILL FIGHT

Teutonic Residents of St. Louis Will
Raise Regiment for War With
Mexico

St. Louis, Mo., June 20.—August J. Fertig announced yesterday that a regiment composed of German residents of St. Louis would be raised immediately for service on the border, or in Mexico, if needed. He said he had discussed the matter with representatives of the German-American organization and much enthusiasm had been manifested.

"We Germans want to refute the statement that we would not be ready to aid the United States whenever the call for military service should be made," said Fertig, who served as a lieutenant in the German army.

Fertig declared that he had been offered \$50,000 by a prominent St. Louisian with which to equip the regiment if it should be needed. He said a call for a general meeting at which volunteers will be enlisted will be issued within the next 24 hours. He said he did not anticipate any trouble in recruiting a full regiment of men who have seen service in the German army.

RICHMOND'S BLUE SUNDAY

From among more than ninety alleged violators of the Sunday "blue" laws, who were arraigned for hearing in Richmond yesterday, only six convictions were secured, the courts holding that fully 90 per cent of the persons arrested had been engaged in work of necessity. Several cases were continued, but the broad interpretation given the law by Police Justice Crutchfield leads most of those familiar with the situation to believe all of them will be held to have been engaged in necessary labor.

In the deferred class are both of the Sunday newspapers, the shop force of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, the Richmond Transfer Company, street cleaners, A. E. Reynolds, a jitney chauffeur, and four American connection, alleged to have closed their business on Saturday and to have kept open on Sunday.

Justice Crutchfield consumed little more than half an hour in disposing of the Sunday cases. He had before him about as many as were on the docket of the Police Court of Alexandria yesterday, when it took twenty-eight minutes to rule on them.

DEATH NOTICE

DIED suddenly June 20th, 1916 at his home, 431 South Washington Street, JAMES T. LAWLER, in his 44th year. Funeral notice later.

SLAVS PUSHING ON TO LEMBERG

Austrian Armies Cut Off
and Scattered in Their
Retreat

MAY LOSE 80,000 MEN

Armies of Francis Joseph Must Fight
or Force a General Retirement Be-
fore Czar's Troops

Petrograd, June 20. — Eighty thousand Austrian troops, retreating from the region of Czernowitz, have been cornered in Bukovina by the lightning drive of the Russian left wing.

The Russians are pressing the pursuit with the utmost vigor. A large part of the Austrian force in all probability will be surrounded. The others face the alternative of retreating through the Carpathian passes, abandoning their guns, or crossing into Roumania.

General Pflanzer, commanding the Austrians around Czernowitz, is retreating southward in the direction of the Sereth river with his beaten forces. How many Austrians escaped westward in the direction of Kut, planning later to join Bothmer's army, is not yet known.

Petrograd, June 20.—With an average Austrian retirement of 25 miles over the entire Volhynian and Galician front, except in the immediate region of Tarnopol, with the Russian seizure of Czernowitz and the flight of the southern Austrian Army toward the Carpathians and with the Russians closing in upon Lemberg from two directions, the operations on the southwestern front have reached the crucial point, where it is believed here the Austrian armies must either make a final stand or by their further retreat automatically compel a general retirement of the German Army positions which they have held against the Russians for nearly a year.

Such a stand, in the unanimous opinion of military officials here, will be an impossibility, as the separated Austrian armies are unable to communicate with each other and all available troops and reserves having been called up, a quick rehabilitation of the crippled armies of the Austrians is manifestly unlikely.

The prevailing confidence in the speedy consummation of a Russian triumph over Austria is reflected in all the comments of the newspapers. The Petrograd Gazette says: "The thought we have all lived with since the beginning of the war, a final victory over Austria, now is at hand. Soon the last notes of the swan song of the dual monarchy will be heard."

The Austrians are concentrating their forces in an attempt to ward off a Russian advance on Lemberg, but according to the latest dispatches the Russian troops pressing along the Dubno-Lemberg Railway, with Radiziloff well in their rear, are close upon the Galician frontier town of Brody, which is nearly halfway of Lemberg.

The other Russian advance on Lemberg is being directed from a point north of Buczacz toward Halicz, from which latter town the road to Lemberg is an easy one and almost unfortified. The effect of the advance of these two lines is to place the Austrian centre near the Tarnopol extended position in great danger, and an Austrian collapse here is considered inevitable by the military observers.

The occupation of Czernowitz by the Russians has completely severed connections between the northern and southern armies. It also has enabled the Russians to establish direct connections from the frontier to Sniatyn by the shortest and most convenient route, which will greatly facilitate the Russian progress toward Kolomea, and, by obviating further the necessity of a turning movement, allow the Russian southern forces to advance solidly from the Czernowitz region westward.

According to Colonel Shumsky, the military critic of the Bourse Gazette, the taking of Czernowitz means the

LOCAL BREVITIES

There will be a meeting of the Y. M. S. L. at the Lyceum tonight at 8 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Beverley Lane returned from a delightful visit spent at Atlantic City.

Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett is home again after a visit to several cities in Ohio.

Mr. George Miles and Miss May L. Hudson were married at the First Baptist Church Parsonage by Rev. Dr. E. B. Jackson yesterday.

The Willard W. C. T. U. will meet tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Trinity M. E. Church. A full attendance is requested to attend.

Grace Church Sunday School goes on its annual excursion to Marshall Hall, Thursday June 22nd. Boat leaves foot of King street at 10:30 a. m. 3 p. m. and 7 p. m.

An important meeting of the Reliance Engine Company will be held at their headquarters on Patrick St., tonight at 8 o'clock. A large attendance is expected.

Funeral services for Mrs. Lennie C. Brown, wife of Harry S. Brown, a Southern Railway locomotive engineer, who died Saturday night, will be held this afternoon at 5 o'clock from her home, 1013 King street. Mrs. Brown is survived by her husband and one daughter, Miss Mary Brown.

"DRY" CANDIDATE SLAIN

Militia Called Out to Protect Men
Arrested After Murder of Ala-
bama Judge

Huntsville, Ala., June 20.—Two companies of the Alabama National Guard were sent here last night from neighboring towns to protect several persons arrested after the body of Judge W. T. Lawler, of the Madison County Probate Court, had been found today in a pool of water near here. One report tonight said the men arrested had been removed to other cities. The sheriff refused to give his prisoners' names.

Judge Lawler had just been re-nominated on a dry ticket after a bitter political fight. News of the finding of his body with two bullet holes in the heart and the skull crushed caused a crowd to gather about the courthouse square, and while most of the people had gone to their homes tonight excitement still was high.

The three or four men arrested were described as men prominent in the community. Other arrests, it was said, would be made.

Judge Lawler, according to county officials, had an engagement Wednesday night to meet a political opponent at the Courthouse. Search was begun today on the theory that the probate judge had been kidnapped. His body was found in 15 feet of water weighted down with iron.

Investigation last night, and it was announced that Monday a new Grand Jury would be empanelled to investigate the affair. It was said that gators the affair.

It was said that the investigation would include charges of election fraud made after the recent primary in which Judge Lawler was a candidate.

DEATH OF MR. PEAKE

Charles M. Peake, thirty-five years old died this morning at the home of his parents, Braddock Heights, Alexandria County. His death followed a long illness. The deceased is survived by a daughter. He had been associated with his father, Joseph Peake, in the livery business in Washington.

HARD SHELL CRABS NOW ON SALE AT RAMMELS CAFE

Russian occupation of the whole Bukovina since there are no defensive lines on the way to the Carpathians.

Berlin, June 20.—Heavy fighting is in progress between the Russian pushing toward Kovel and the Teutonic forces opposing them in the Stokhod-Styr sector, the War Office announced today. The Russian attack, says the statement, have been partly repulsed by means of successful counter attacks.

WAR SEEMS TO BE INEVITABLE.

Machinery to Meet Eventualities Set in Motion by
U. S.

SENDS A SHARP NOTE

Ultimatum Demanding Withdrawal
of American Troops Flatly Rejected
by Administration

Washington, June 20.—All the machinery of Government has been set in motion for what appears to be inevitable war with Mexico.

The overwhelming mass of reports reaching the State and War Departments tend to show that Carranza is determined to force the United States to intervene.

The situation is such that the United States does not intend to force war on Mexico. The army and navy will make no aggressive move on Mexican territory, but the first attempt by Mexicans to attack the American forces or the first serious border raid will be the signal for an invasion of Mexico in force that will not be brought to a close until the United States has swept Mexico clean of its revolutionary factions and has set up stable government in that Republic.

President Wilson's first move in putting his new Mexican policy in force was to dispatch to Carranza today a lengthy note, rejecting flatly the demand for withdrawal of American troops.

Not only will this note be the last word to Carranza, but it will be backed up by the army the President is mobilizing for the Mexican campaign. It will then be up Carranza to say whether the United States shall be given a free hand to exterminate the bandits which have menaced its border and repeatedly flaunted its authority, or whether by persisting in his attitude of stubborn resistance he shall force this nation into war.

Mexico City, June 20.—The Mexican capital awaiting today with tense interest the arrival of the American note. Arrangements have been made to flash a digest of its contents to all important cities of the republic as soon as it can be translated. Arrangements also are being made today for a special train to carry all Americans who choose to leave for Vera Cruz. It is estimated that between 600 and 700 Americans now are here.

Washington, June 20.—Work of getting the Fort Myer camp site ready for the District militia this afternoon was rushed by a large force of laborers, who were employed to assist Major Alfred Robbins and the quartermaster's department charged with this big task.

Every effort will be made to have the site in readiness for the militia-men this afternoon as originally planned, as Brigadier General Harvey and Col. Glendie B. Young want to get their men into the field at the earliest possible moment for seasoning.

Some interest has been caused in the announcement that every man in the District is subject to call for service with the militia. General Harvey says section 79 of the new army appropriation bill vests him with authority to draft on the citizenship of the District to recruit the militia up to war strength if sufficient men do not enlist.

BAZAAR OPENED.

A bazaar was opened last night at St. Joseph Hall, Columbus and Wythe streets. The hall has been attractively decorated for the affair and voices are being taken in a number of handsome and useful articles. It will be continued each night ending June 30.

LOST—Ribbon bob with charm attached. Shrine emblem on one side of charm and Elk's head and Odd Fellows, three links on opposite. Reward if left at 722 King St.

DEVILED & HARD SHELL CRABS AT JACOB BRILL'S FOOT KING ST.